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REMARKS

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1. Between 30 July and 4 August 1951, Soviet troops in the Panzerschule, Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67), were engaged in close-order drill in the barracks yard, practice firing at the target range near the lock, and driving practice. Three canvas-covered JSU-152 SP guns were parked in front of the garages of the Panzerschule on 31 July and 2 August. (1) 50X1-HUM

2. On 7 August, three railroad cars with Soviet recruits, escorted by 10 officers, were coupled to the regular train to Loewenberg (N 53/Z 69) at the Oranienburg railroad station. A truck was parked in front of the railroad station at the same time. All troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. (2) 50X1-HUM

3. On the evening of 12 August, a troop train stood at the Oranienburg freight station, headed toward Loewenberg. The train consisted of 7 boxcars with about 170 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia; 10 flatcars carrying 10 x 37-mm AA guns; and 15 flatcars carrying 5 trucks. 50X1-HUM

4. a train of 20 boxcars and 22 gondola cars left the Oranienburg railroad station toward Loewenberg in the afternoon of 13 August. It carried 130 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 15 tanks, 1 field kitchen, and 7 trucks whose 50X1-HUM

a train of 8 boxcars and 44 gondola cars left Oranienburg toward Kremen-Jueterbog on 14 August, carrying 160 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, 16 heavy AT guns, 16 prime movers, and 3 trucks.

The loading of the latter train was supervised by two officers. (4)

Comments.

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- (1) The troops seen practicing were probably recruits of the 25th Tank Div, component units of which are stationed in the Panzerschule. The driving school vehicles belong to these units.
- (2) the train carried recruits of the 25th Tank Div who were probably going to Templin. 50X1-HUM
- (3) the train carried air force troops. 50X1-HUM
- (4) The first train probably carried a component unit of the 25th Tank Div, believed to have gone to Templin to relieve guard personnel there.

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[redacted] the second train carried a unit of the heavy AT artillery regiment of the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Second Gds Mecz Army. This is the eleventh train which went to Jueterhog between 11 July and 14 August 1951 carrying elements of the AT artillery brigade and the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the Second Gds Mecz Army. [redacted]

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